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# Taking the plunge for Special Olympics

By Karen Sarita Ingram the Collegian

J umping into the icy waters of Tuttle Creek Lake in February might normally sound like a bad idea, but add costumes and registration fees and it becomes the highly anticipated charity drive, the Polar Bear Plunge. Last year's event drew more than 250 people to raise money for the Special Olympics Kansas program. This year's event is scheduled for Feb. 22.

Darin Strouts, Manhattan resident, participated in the Plunge for the first time last year. He joined a team with a friend, but opted not to wear a costume.

"I just went in swim trunks and a Hawaiian shirt," he said. "It was

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Emily DeShazer | the collegian

Participants of the Polar Bear Plunge charge into the freezing waters of Tuttle Creek Lake Feb. 2, 2013. This year's Polar Bear Plunge, held to raise funds for the Kansas Special Olympics, is scheduled for Feb. 22.

### Get creepy on Valentine's Day with 'The Addams Family'

#### What, Where, When?

"The Addams Family"
Friday, Feb.14,
7 p.m., McCain Auditorium

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By Lindsey Staab the collegian

Girl meets boy. Boy likes girl. It's the age-old story of young love, but with a creepy

Directed by four-time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks, "The Addams Family" is a ghoulish, dark and witty live musical comedy featuring the infamous family in an original story about dysfunctional, family dynamics.

Wednesday Addams, Gomez and Morticia's daughter, falls in love with a smart, "normal" boy from a bright and bubbly family. Despite their differences, Wednesday's love cannot be kept secret. She confides in her father, while swearing him to keep the secret from her mother, Morticia.

When the families get together for a haunting dinner at the Addams' residence,, things

turn eerie, and humorous, as both families deal with their childrens' love for one another.

Created by "Jersey Boys" authors Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, "The Addams Family" is sure to provide chills and thrills, while encompassing plenty of spooky humor.

"The Addams Family" will show Friday at 7 p.m. in McCain Auditorium. Tickets are available at the McCain box office or by calling 785-532-6428.

## Print art imitates Mexican life, escalating drug cartel crime



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Marco Hernandez, graduate student in printmaking, pulls an etching, engraving and aquatint print off the printing plate after running it through the press Wednesday evening in Willard Hall. His piece is based on Mexican culture and includes several important cultural symbols.

# Manhattan area briefs for Feb. 13

By Karen Sarita Ingram the collegian

#### Salvation Army grand reopening

The Salvation Army Thrift Store, 308 Poyntz Ave., will be holding a grand reopening event on Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. There will be music provided by the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble and special guests, including Kansas Rep. Tom Phillips.

The store was forced to move to a temporary location on 4th Street after a fire caused approximately \$150,000 in damage last June. The fire was later determined to be caused by arson.

#### Coca-Cola seeks Kansas barn for commercial

Film director Zach Lowry has announced his hopes to shoot a Coca-Cola commercial in Kansas in May or June, and is currently looking for an iconic, weather-beaten Kansas barn to use for the setting.

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Inquiries may be sent to za.lowry@gmail.com or 610-710-5245.

#### Body found in freezer in Kansas City

Kansas City, Kan. police are investigating a body discovered in a freezer in a Kansas City, Kan. garage on Sunday. The body was found by a woman hired to do cleaning for the residence. KCTV5 reports the police are handling the investigation as a death and not as a homicide at this time. Early reports that the body was found decapitated were proven to be false. An autopsy is planned, but has been delayed until the body thaws.

#### Amazon to bring more jobs to Kansas

Amazon has announced it will be adding more than 2,500 new full-time jobs at several key fulfillment centers across the U.S. According to an article by KAKE, a center located in Coffeyville, Kan. is among the centers with jobs available.

#### Old Kansas newspapers to be made available online

Kansas residents will have online access to millions of pages of newspapers published between 1854 and 1922 thanks to a new partnership between the Kansas Historical Society's Kansas Digital Newspapers program and newspapers.com. The KDN program seeks to make historical newspapers available to the public for research free of charge. A driver's license or government ID is required for access to the website at kshs.org/ancestry/drivers/dlverify.

#### INSIDE



Societal traditions instill dating etiquette

Wildcats lose
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1633: Galileo Galilei arrives in Rome to face charges of heresy for disseminating the heliocentric Copernican theory of the solar system in his book, "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems." The Roman Inquisition later found him guilty of "suspected heresy," for which he was sentenced to indefinite house arrest.



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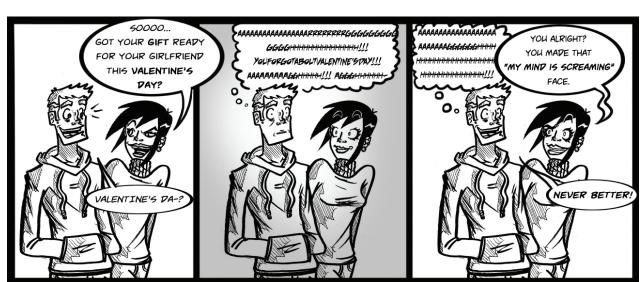
Love is in the air. Soon, people all around will be attempting to prove their affection by completing tasks that they utterly cannot stand doing. Gifts of; food, flowers, jewels and holidays. Money doesn't buy love. Nothing proves love more than words. Speak from the heart. Let yourself be true. And if they don't respect that, they don't respect you. No magical arrows to guide you. No amount of flowers you can purchase will add up to how you feel.

*I'm* really glad the weather is warming up so that attractive men can start rolling up their shirt sleeves.

**The** guy wanting to propose on Valentines Day – don't. It's cliche and overdone. But congrats on finding the one! I wish you years of happiness.

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Thursday, Feb. 13

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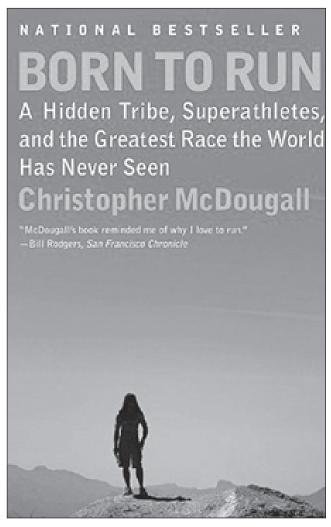
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### Three finalists for 2014-15 K-State Book Network common read selected



By Scotland Preston THE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Book Network is one of four programs within the K-State First Program, an experience designed for first-year students to start college by introducing them to the resources, experiences and atmosphere K-State has to offer them.

The finalists for KSBN's 2014-15 school year common read are, "The Ghost Map," by Steven Johnson, "Defending Jacob," by William Landay and "Born to Run," by Christopher McDougall.

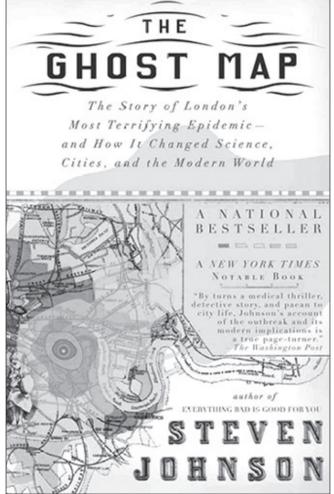
KSBN's goal is to give first-year students the opportunities to engage around the common read inside and outside of the classroom. Criteria for selecting the common read include student learning outcomes, feasibility, relevance

and readability.

"All three of these books touch on something of interest to our community," Tara Coleman, KSBN chairwoman and associate professor at Hale Library, said. "It will give people on campus, and beyond, the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with

The three finalists include topics of health, social justice, physical activity and history.

"Born to Run" is based on the author's true venture to find a North American Indian tribe who are arguable the best distance runners in history, the Tarahamara. He travels to Copper Canyons in Mexico to learn from the Tarahumaras how they can run hundreds of miles without fatigue. Mc-Dougall connects what he learned in Mexico to science in the labs at Harvard to discover how humans are built to



"Defending Jacob" is a fictional story of a well-known prosecutor, who takes on a murder case near his home. When he finds out was that his own 14-year-old son was accused of the murder, he must deal with not only the trial on hand, but the challenges that come with defending his son in and out of the courtroom.

"Defending Jacob" was named one of the best books of the year by "Entertainment Weekly," the Kansas City Star and Barnes & Noble.

"The Ghost Map" takes readers to 1854 London in the middle of a cholera epidemic. While thousands of people are dying every day, it becomes a race to determine how this mysterious disease is spread, and how to stop it. Based on true events, Johnson combines elements of science and history to tell the story.

Purpose of Common Book All first-year students are given the common book during orientation and enrollment. The hope, Coleman said, is that it will help connect first year students to other students, class content and the book.

Part of this connection is to attend events the program hosts in conjunction with the book during the year, she said.

"Our assessments show that students who use the book in class and attend events inspired by the book get more out of the experience than those who only read the book over the summer," Coleman

Events include author visits, speakers, and performances. This year, in conjuction with the current book "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline, the School of Music, Theatre and Dance performed an interactive music and movement play. Ernest Cline visited K-State to talk with students about the book. K-State First also hosted an event called, "I Love the '80s," which was a discussion on dystopia, nostalgia and "Ready Player One." Logan Hays, sophomore

communication studies, said he thought "Ready Player One" was a great choice for the common read.

"I really liked how it was realistic, because we are so centered around technology today that you could relate to the possibility of (a world like in 'Ready Player One')," Hays

K-State First

K-State First is broken down into programs including First-Year Seminar, CAT communities, and one-on-one mentoring programs. All programs center around the goal to educate first year students about resources of campus, and encourage student con-

"I know from word of mouth, as well as from our

COVERS COURTESY OF AMAZON.COM assessments, that by reading the books and participating in campus and community events people were introduced to new ideas and felt a sense of community and common ground with others," Coleman said.

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Madison Talley, freshman in kinesiology, is an avid reader who said she agrees with the K-State First Program's goal. She said that every person can bring a unique idea to a book discussion, which is a great way for people to get to know each other.

"Books can bring people who have different personalities, opinions or even backgrounds together and provide them with something to have in common," Talley said.

Previous all-university common reads have included "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot, "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers, and "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins.

## Depleting aquifer could negatively affect future crop growth, food pricing

By Kate Hagans THE COLLEGIAN

Today's average American farmer feeds about 155 people, according to the Center for Food Integrity's education program Farmers Feed US.

One of a farmer's most precious and essential resources, however, may be in shortage in the future, which could lead to a sharp increase in food

Years of drought have put a strain on the Ogallala Aquifer, one of the largest aquifer systems in the world, causing it to deplete at an alarming rate. The aquifer is a massive underground system covering more than 170,000 square miles across eight states, including

Kansas. It plays a crucial role for agriculture in the High Plains Water District.

John Floros, dean of the College of Agriculture, said he believes it is very important to educate consumers of how their food is grown and how the depletion of the aquifer will affect them.

"I think very few people understand how much water we use in agriculture and very few people connect their food to water," Floros said. "Food means a lot of water use."

The aquifer is of critical concern for farmers and ranchers in the High Plains, as it has seen continual decreases in its water levels since established in 1899. As water levels drop, it will affect food production

for consumers in the future. As an unconfined aquifer,

virtually all of the Ogallala Aquifer's recharge comes from rainwater and snow melt. Less rain can mean the water in the aquifer isn't replaced as quickly as it is being used, which gradually depletes the aquifer.

#### **Important for future**

Floros said he has confidence in the research conducted and in the leadership positions' ability to find ways to extend the life of the Ogallala considerably. Doing so is the key to the survival of genera-

tions to come, he said. "If we don't do something today for water, it will affect the lives of people a hundred years from now," Floros said.

The aquifer provides water for residential, industrial and agricultural use. For decades, farmers have found groundwater to be a necessity for everyday living, raising livestock

and growing crops. Approximately 95 percent of the groundwater is used for irrigated agriculture according to the High Plains Water District, a leading conservation group in charge of preservation and waste elimination of the water in the High Plains region

and the Ogallala Aquifer. Since drought conditions have continued, it has forced farmers to pump more water from the aquifer to irrigate their cropland to make up for the lack of natural moisture. Continued use of the aquifer have caused a long-term drop in water levels and some areas have now reached dangerously low amounts of water.

According to a study co-conducted by Dave Steward, professor of civil engineering, if irrigation trends continue, 69 percent of the groundwater stored in the High Plains Aquifer of Kansas will be depleted within 50 years.

"Dealing with issues as complex as the Ogallala Aquifer requires multidisciplinary teams and that's where K-State really shines," Steward said. "We've got a lot of expertise to study integrative interdisciplinary problems like this and help society get information that is useful.'

Vance Ehmke, farmer and seed producer from Dighton, Kan., said he has personally witnessed the drought conditions and its effect on crop production. Ehmke said he understands the requirement to have irrigated land in the High Plains, but knows there are more conservative options for future investments in maintaining the aquifer.

Ehmke said drip irrigation, which is a form of irrigation that applies water straight to the ground in order to replenish aquifers while maintaining crops, could be an avenue that the agricultural industry pursues in the near future.

"There is a lot of interest in research in going to drip irrigation, which is the ultimate in terms of efficacy but the cost of drip irrigation is horrific," Ehmke said.

Ehmke said he understands the importance of taking action to improve the Ogallala.

"If you subtract water out and envision western Kansas as a dryland economy, it will be a real rude awaking," Ehm-

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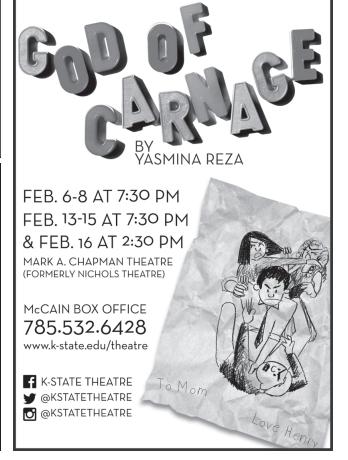
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# VALENTINE'S GUIDE

# History, facts of Valentine's Day



- More than 62 percent of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day with presents or romantic dinners.
- The roots of Valentine's Day go back to an ancient Roman fertility festival in the middle of February called "Lupercalia."
- At the end of the fifth century, Pope Gelacious picked February 14th as the day to honor Saint Valentine, creating a more Christian focus on the previous Roman festival celebrated at around the same time of the month.
- Valentine's Day is thought to be named after Roman Catholic priest St. Valentine, who was sentence to death for performing marriage ceremonies in secret after Emperor Claudius II banned marriage.
- It wasn't until the 1300s that the holiday became widely associated with love and romance. At the time, people also thought Feb. 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season.
- It was in the 15th century that the first Valentine's greeting cards appeared. By the 17th century, Great Britain citizens had begun the tradition of exchanging Valentine's Day cards and letters.
- Soon after, the holiday caught on in the United States. The first mass-produced Valentine's Day cards were produced in the 1840s. Today, people send an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards every year. That's second only to Christmas.
- More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of candy are sold a
  year for Valentine's Day, and more than 220 million roses are
  produced for the holiday. All of the festivities come at a price
  tag of almost \$20 billion each year in America an average of
  approximately \$130 per person, every year. Almost \$4 billion of
  that total is spent on jewelry, which comes in third after candy
  and flowers in popularity.

### Some women prefer sentimental, thoughtful gifts

By Jakki Thompson the collegian

Those planning on spending Valentine's Day with loved ones or friends may still be wondering about what presents to get – especially if its for the wom-

en in their lives.

More often than not, it seems, spending a pretty penny may not always be the answer. According to Beth Little, graduate student in counseling and student development, some women – including herself – prefer to receive something that is sentimental or homemade rather than a store-bought

"I think my ideal Valentine's Day present would be something that my partner put thought into," Little said. "Whether that is cooking me my favorite dinner, taking me on a scavenger hunt to important places in our relationship or giving me a handmade coupon book with sweet things to do together."

Little said since she is single for this year's holiday,

she unfortunately won't receive something homemade from a significant other. Instead, she said she plans on spending Valentine's Day relaxing at her apartment.

If she had a partner, however, Little said she thinks being together is all she would need to make it a great Valentine's Day.

"If there's thought behind it, it'll mean more than anything else that could be bought," she said.

As Little mentioned, another way to show love for a significant other is through cooking at home. Caren Chellgren, third year student in veterinary medicine. described her ideal Valentine's Day as a quiet romantic night, one that includes a homemade dinner from her significant other and a movie. She said spending time with each other is the most important thing for her, that it's romantic and means more than store bought chocolate or flowers.

for Valentine's Day are something people learn how to do throughout their time elementary and secondary

Homemade valentines

school. Construction paper hearts covered in glitter are common valentines for parents or other family members. Homemade valentines, however, don't have to be a thing of the past.

"For Valentine's I would like to receive something handmade," Jazmin Zeledon, senior in psychology, said. "For example, a box full of notes of what makes you special. Store bought things are nice, but handmade items have more meaning to me."

Zeledon said her ideal date would be cooking dinner together with her significant other, drinking fancy wine and watching Disney movies. She said she was not sure how her boyfriend would feel about her ideal date, but she would enjoy something along those lines.

Homemade cards, crafts or presents seem to be the common narrative of what women want for Valentine's Day. If you need help, the Internet is a good place to start. By simply searching "homemade Valentine's Day gift ideas" on Google, there are more than 25 million re-

sults. There is sure to be an idea anyone is capable of creating of on one of those

Kara Baker, research assistant in plant pathology, said she agreed with the women quoted above. She said she likes doing things together with a significant other more than receiving presents; that she would like to cook together or watch a movie at home where she and the other person can talk

through it if they choose.

There are many ways to show women love this Valentine's Day. You could go to a store's holiday section and purchase a bouquet of flowers, some chocolate and present that as a valentine. Others, however, may choose to go all out and make their ladies homemade

No matter what the gift, homemade or store-bought, it should be personalized to fit her. If the thought behind the gift is evident, she will most likely appreciate whatever she receives from you.

# Students say 'day of love' calls for quality time

By Jakki Thompson the collegian

Valentine's Day. The time of year that consumes stores with red, pink and white themed hearts, candies and gifts to buy for significant others.

While the day of love may seem overrated to some students, others appear to love the romance-filled holiday and plan to spend it doing a wide array of activities. Some have significant others that will go all out in a very traditional sense – they'll buy flowers and candy, go to dinner and a movie, and end the evening with something romantic.

That traditional experience isn't for everyone though, whether they don't have the luxury of being able to spend a day like that or they just don't want it.

"Well, me and my boyfriend are tight for money," Johnnie Harvey, senior in mass communications, said. "So we are having a nice intimate dinner (at home): macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and maybe a frozen pizza. For us, it is not about what we give each other. It is about being together. For me, just being around my boyfriend is enough."

An night in might be ideal for some people, while others prefer to go out. Joey Boos, senior in theater, said he plans on spending Valentine's Day out with one of his good friends.

"I plan on going to dinner with one of my best friends, Sara," Boos said. "Then, we are going to see 'God of Carnage' and, after that, going to have drinks in Aggieville."

Boos said these plans are pretty similar to his previous Valentine's Day plans. He said he usually spends this day with friends, because they tend to be the best one's to spend the day and night with when not with a significant other.

For those who have significant others, however, it might be a given to spend this holiday with them, if they are not in a long-distance relationship. Since Valentine's Day falls on a Friday, it may seem opportune for people to connect with others in celebration of this day.

"I'm making dinner with a friend for our boyfriends, who live together," Olivia Tolson, senior in elementary education, said. "Then, probably just watching movies. I'm doing it because I like hanging out with them. And (my friend) asked me to do this with her."

There are many different ways to spend Valentine's Day. But, often, the answer just boils down to wanting to continue to connect with the one they care about.

"My idea of the best Val-

entine's Day gift is quality time, whether that means going on some kind of adventure or just laying low," Emily Rauckman, senior in kinesiology, said. "There is nothing I want more than time spent with the one I love during this celebration of love, or on any day."

Rauckman said the most

Rauckman said the most ideal way to spend Valentine's Day would be cooking dinner with her boyfriend. She said she currently has no plans for Friday, but maybe that is something she will do.

With many different opportunities for people at K-State and in Manhattan to participate in this Valentine's Day, there shouldn't be any worries about what to do. Whether it involves staying in, going out, or a mixture of the two, there are very few wrong ways to spend time with the people you care most about.





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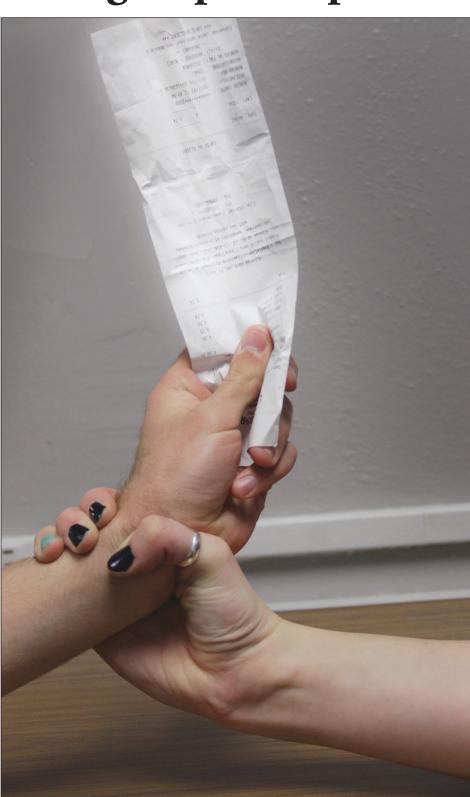






# VALENTINE'S GUIDE

# Dating etiquette opinions vary by person, situation



By Megan Wheeler the collegian

n this day and age, traditional views of dating etiquette are challenged by an evolving society that has developed different ways to go about asking someone out, dating or even flirting.

There are numerous opinions on the proper way to ask a person out. Modern day technology seems to make selecting the right method even more difficult.

"Asking a girl out over text or social media is just not romantic," Jon Hastings, junior in biology and secondary education, said. "No risk, no glory."

Hastings said he believes the only way to ask a woman out is in person and never through messaging. However, he said it is ok to break up with someone over texting or social media if you are scared of confronting him or her in person.

Traditionally it's customary for women to wait for the men to make the first move.

"Girls should wait for the guys to make the first move," Hastings said. "It is not necessarily crucial, but it helps make the guy a lot more comfortable."

Each man is different though. To the women waiting to ask out that special person from class this Friday, make sure to do a little research beforehand. Figure out whether or not the other person will be receptive to the question and take it seriously.

"It takes serious guts for a girl to ask a guy out," Owen Miller, freshman in chemical engineering, said. "If a girl were to ask me on a first date, she has earned my respect."

Once the initial date has been set, the potential happy couple could do a multitude of things including getting dinner or going to the movies. However, the issue of payment for the date's festivities may come up. Does the man pay? Does the woman?

"If a girl initially asks the guy out on the date, whether they are officially a couple or not, than each should pay for themselves," Hastings said. "But the girl should never pay for the guy. When a guy pays, it makes it a date."

Fast forward a bit. The first date was

great, there was a second and possibly a third. There might be a committed relationship now. One issue many couples may have at this point is keeping their relationship healthy.

"In my experience, the best way (to have a healthy relationship) is to get to know a person on the friend level, so you know each other fairly well," Daniel Preut, senior in architectural engineering, said. "Then, if interested, it's ok to move things forward. You kind of know each other and can converse and have a good time together."

Preut said the key point to any successful relationship is to make sure both parties are headed in the same direction overall. Their life principles should match up before even entering into the relationship.

"You need to be yourself," Preut said. "If you continue to try to impress your partner, things just get awkward."

Halle Sparks, freshman in biology, said she agreed with Preut.

"One should just be relaxed and honest with their dates," Sparks said. "There's no need to show off or put on a façade. Just remember you are there to have fun and get to know your date."

Sparks said if the person already agreed to go on a date, than chances are there is already interest brewing somewhere within their mind.

So what happens when things are going romantically well, but there is a geographical separation? While some people tend to stay away from long-distance relationships, Joe Prudhomme, freshman in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, said he asked out his long-distance girlfriend for the first time three years ago on Halloween. There is a 10 hour separation between the two.

"We each had our group of friends, but we were always best friends, even before we started dating," Prudhomme said. "Friendship is key to any lasting relationship, especially when dealing with the long distance aspect."

Prudhomme echoed Preut's previous sentiment of friendship being the key to a healthy relationship.

"If you are going to date in college after dating in high school, make sure you are on the same page as to how much you care about each other," Prudhomme said. "If you don't, then it's not worth waiting to see them again."

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When going out to dinner for a date, the question of who gets the check inevitably arises. Students have varied opinions about who "should" pay for a date.

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# Wildcats fall to Longhorns 69-63

By David Embers THE COLLEGIAN

or 40 minutes the K-State women's basketball team went toe-to-toe with the Texas Longhorns. Though the Wildcats tied the game twice in the final 12 minutes, in the end it just wasn't enough. K-State fell to the Longhorns 69-63 in front of nearly 4,100 fans, dropping their record to 9-14 overall and 3-9 in Big 12 play. The win pushes Texas' overall record to 17-7, and gives them a Big 12 record

"In the first half, I thought we were a little inconsistent with our intensity," Head coach Deb Patterson said after the game. "We aren't shooting the ball well enough to not go get offensive rebounds. We have to give ourselves extra possessions.

From the opening tip the storyline was Texas' size inside, and whether or not K-State had the ability to handle it. The Wildcats are extremely young on the front line, which was evident as the Longhorns won the rebounding margin by 10 and finished with 36 points in the paint.

Even with the size differences, the Wildcats were within three points when Texas called a timeout with a little over 50 seconds to play. The Longhorns ran a set play on the baseline for senior guard Chassidy Fussell, who knocked it down to put the nail in the coffin.

"We ran a set that we had not run all night and have not run a whole lot recently," said Texas head coach Karen Aston. "We had been running a lot of on-ball action, but they were not allowing us to do that, so we decided to run something with more screening action. Chassidy (Fussell) got a good shot in the corner - she made a good read."

Senior forward Katya Leick, who finished with 13 points on 4-11 shooting, pointed to a lack of execution and inability to



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Freshman forward **Jessica Sheble** attempts to take a shot, but is blocked by Texas sophomore center **Imani Mc-Gee-Stafford** during the Wildcats' 69-63 loss to the Longhorns Wednesday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

make shots as the reason for the loss. Patterson echoed her senior forward, saying Texas did a good job making the Wildcats take guarded shots.

"This type of game is really frustrating," Leick said. "I feel like we didn't execute on some of our plays. We had some spots where we were able to defend them, but we just didn't score on the offensive end to get the momentum going."

As a team the Wildcats shot only 38 percent, but stayed in the game by going 8-20 from behind the 3-point line. K-State has now made at least one 3-pointer per game in 234 consecutive regular season and postseason games dating back to Feb. 7, 2007. Living and dying by the 3-pointer has become an issue for the Wildcats, and it showed as Texas buckled down on the perimeter down in the final minutes

"Shooting 19-50 is not going to win you many games," Patterson said. "We have to make some more shots. Tonight I thought we had difficulty creating easy

Freshman standout guard Leticia Romero struggled to find a flow and consequently the Wildcat's offense suffered. Romero finished just 2-10 from the field for eight points, and had five turnovers. Junior Ashia Woods was by far the night's best player for the Wildcats, finishing 5-6 for 15 points and hitting two big 3-pointers that helped keep K-State in the game.

Postseason play is beginning to look more and more unlikely as K-State falls five games below .500. A conference tournament championship is beginning to look like the only option if the Wildcats want to play deep into March. Moving forward, the Wildcats will have two days of practice before hosting Texas Tech on Saturday in the annual "Pink Out" game that works to raise awareness for breast cancer. The game will be played at Bramlage Coliseum, and tipoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

#### Women's golf team travels to **Tallahasse**

By Austin Earl THE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Wildcats women's golf team will compete in their first tournament of the spring this weekend. The Florida State Match-up will tee off in Tallahassee, Fla. at Southwood Golf Club on Friday.

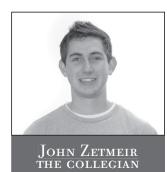
The Florida Match-up Tournament is unlike most golf tournaments. It pairs players up from opposing schools in twosomes for the first two days, then threesomes for the final day.

The partners with the lowest score will be the Match-Up Champions. The teams and individual players will also compete for championships for themselves. K-State will be playing with No. 25 Mississippi State.

The field for the tournament features 12 teams. Four of those teams are in the top 50, the highest ranked team of which is No. 13 Clemson. Also in the field is K-State's rival, No. 34 Kansas. K-State is not ranked, and finished their fall schedule 30-35-1.

In addition to being the first tournament of the spring, this will also be the first tournament for new K-State assistant coach Burke. Burke Stewart worked for United Sports USA as the director of recruitment prior to joining the Wildcats. K-State Sports announced the hiring of Burke on Jan. 9.

## Inexperience of young players large fine for youthful Wildcat team to pay



The K-State Wildcats are fielding their youngest team since the 1977-78

season, bringing with it an up-hill battle against quality competition. As the team took on the Texas Longhorns Wednesday night, that youth was visible on the court.

#### 'Building blocks'

The Wildcats are young across the board. Last season, the Wildcats had virtually no depth and very little size. With the additions of freshman forwards Jessica Sheble and Breanna Lewis this year, the Wildcats have created building blocks in the post to go along with freshman guard Leticia Romero's presence in the back court.

The element of youth played into Wednesday's game as well. Seniors Katya

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Leick and Ashia Woods led the Wildcats charge, but in the end, the K-State freshmen looked like freshmen against a good Big 12 team.

Romero has been asked to carry a large load for the Wildcats this season. The highly-touted freshman entered the season with high expectation cast her way. For the most part, Romero has lived up to the hype. She leads the Wildcats in scoring, averaging just under 15 points per game.

"I think [Romero] is terrific. She is something that you have to constantly be paying attention to," Texas head coach Karen Aston said.

#### Resiliency important for team

For a team that had lost four of their last five games coming into Wednesday, resiliency has to be a plus for Patterson. Their most recent victory, against West Virginia, didn't compare to Wednesday evening's game, Patterson said.

"This is night and day compared to how we competed against West Virginia," Patterson said after the game. "It's disappointing to me. I felt that we were in the position at home to take it

and just couldn't. But that's, again, just not everyone was at the top of their game today and we pretty much have to have that to be successful."

Despite their loss, and the challenges of playing as a young team, Patterson was proud of how the game turned out.

"I am proud of the fact that we kept it close," Patterson said. "I thought we fought hard in that second half. We had our chances, unfortunately we just didn't convert. I'm more encouraged than discouraged by this game, there is no question."

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Freshman guard **Leticia Romero** feeds the ball inside around Texas senior guard **Chassidy Fussell** in Bramlage Coliseum Wednes-day night.

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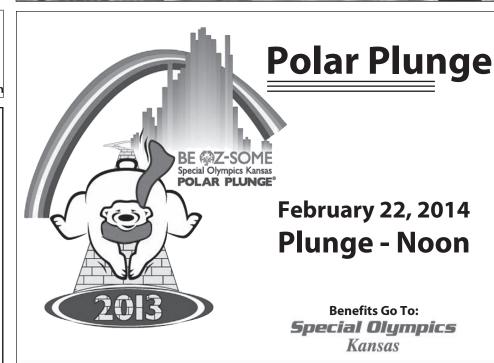
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11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Hockey: Sweden vs.

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11 p.m.-Midnight Short Track (Women's 500m, Men's 1000m, Men's Relay), KSNT

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# Fighting dry winter skin involves apt soap, lotion use

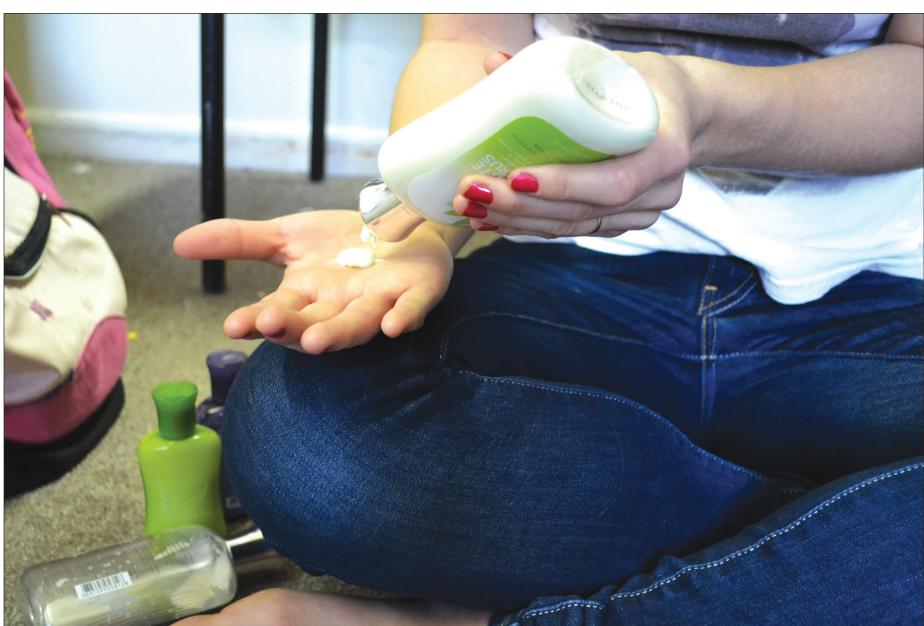


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Winter can mean drier skin, so lotion use can be especially important in maintaining skin health.

By Megan Wheeler THE COLLEGIAN

n addition to the snow and ice that people have to battle during the winter months, there is another, more subtle source of irritation that undoubtedly visits many people this time of year: dry

"Think of skin as a cake with multiple layers wrapped in plastic food wrap," said Gretchen Jones, registered nurse at GraceMed Health Clinic in Wichita. "We wrap cakes to keep the moisture in, keeping the cake from drying out - keeping it fresh. The outermost layer of skin, the stratum corneum, is a mix of dead skin cells with your body's natural oils that work to keep water in, acting like the plastic wrap."

Dry skin occurs when the stra-

tum corneum is not well hydrated, making it unlikely to function naturally, Jones said. The cracking of the skin is a common side effect of dry skin. The skin is drying out and shrinking, exposing the living cells to the environment.

"This is why itching accompanies dry skin," Jones said. "The living cells beneath the stratum corneum are exposed to germs and potential irritants, making the dry area uncomfortable."

Laura Monisse, special undergraduate in architecture, said she is one of many battling this scenario.

"Being from Australia, this whole dry skin thing is new to me," Monisse said. "I find it very irritating and have been battling it all year. I constantly moisturize and drink plenty of fluids, but I don't think that is enough."

Fortunately, there are numerous ways to combat dry skin. The first and most important thing in fixing the problem is to identify what leading factors are drying out the skin.

One main factor is the lack of humidity in the air, especially during winter. The air in colder temperatures lacks moisture, taking away the ability for skin to absorb moisture from the air.

"Many people do not realize importance of humidifiers,' Jones said. "People living in snow prone areas should seriously consider installing a humidifier in their central heating system of their house. Or at least purchase a portable humidifier they can keep in the room with them, especially in their bedroom at night."

Keeping the humidity levels from getting too low not only helps keep outer skin hydrated, but also helps to hydrate the lining of the throat and nose, helping to prevent the common cold.

There are three key ways to moisturize skin without prescription lotions, ointments and oils, said Laura Matthews, nurse at the Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center of Kansas City in Kansas City,

"Lotions are by far the most popular skin moisturizer," Matthews said. "They are not too greasy, making it popular, however repeated use of lotions can cause drying in the skin. Sometimes, what the skin needs is a little grease. Ointments tend to be the best at trapping moisture in the skin."

Matthews said she suggests combatting the greasy feel of ointments by applying in small amounts and making sure to rub it in well.

"When using bath oils, make sure to wet your skin immediately after lightly toweling after the bath to avoid reversing the hydration,"

Matthews said. "If you don't like baths, then apply the bath oils to your skin directly after getting out of the shower, just as if you were using any other type of moisturiz-

Water alone is not enough to rehydrate dried out skin. Soapy hot water can dry out skin even more by removing the natural oils essential for your skin to absorb and contain moisture, Matthews said, stressing the importance of applying a moisturizer after any type of

"Never take more than one shower or bath within a 24-hour period, and even then it should not last more than 10 minutes or so," Matthews said. "Never bathe in hot water, always warm, and use soap sparingly. Skin needs oils. Without them, it is harder to combat bacteria, and can lead to dermatologic problems in the future."

## PLUNGE | Fundraising goal \$23,000

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a good call. When you get out of the water, the first thing you want is to get into some dry clothes fast."

Manhattan area participants can choose between the Plunge, a 5k race called the Strut, or both. The registration fees are \$75 per person for the Plunge, \$25 for the Strut, or \$100 for both, regardless of whether the person is an individual or on a team. There will also be a costume contest. other prizes and incentives and on Feb. 21 a \$5 barbecue lunch courtesy of Texas Roadhouse. All proceeds go to the SOKS.

A number of students participate in the Plunge each year, including members of the Delta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

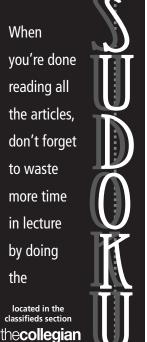
Jeremy Scott, senior in agricultural economics, said Phi Beta Sigma plans to send 10 people to the event this year. They will have a table set up in the K-State Student Union to help raise awareness and money for their \$750 team registration fee. The table will be set up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, and at the same time next week from Monday to Thursday.

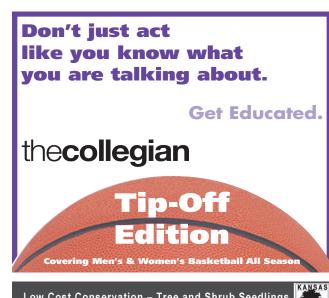
"The week before, we decide what we're going to wear," Scott said. "Every year we come up with a theme."

Scott said last year they went to the Plunge dressed as polar bears and penguins, and the year before as characters from the 1993 film, "Cool Runnings."

The SOKS has a goal of \$23,000 this year at the Polar Bear Plunge. As of Wednesday, they had raised \$10,027.50. For more information on how to register, donate or volunteer, visit ksso. org/manhattan

"It just seemed like one of those things that everyone should try once, just for the experience," Strouts said.









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